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SUBJ: FY 76 IVP PROGRAM

REF : (1) STATE 185854

(B) ROME 11185

(C) STATE 164250

(D) ROME 9922

(E) STATE 138477

(F) ROME 8394

1. REF (B) ANNOUNCED GENERAL POLICY OF LOW PER DIEM, REMINDING GRANTEE OF LARGE U.S. CONTRIBUTION INCLUDING PROGRAM AGENCIES, INTERPRETERS, ETC.; REF (C) AGREED TO PARTIAL GRANT OF \$35 PER DAY; REF (D) EXPLAINED DONATI TRAVELING PARTLY AT OWN EXPENSE, PARTLY ASSISTED BY DC FUNDS AND RECOMMENDED GEARING PROGRAM TO FACT THAT DONATI PAYING HIS OWN TRAVEL EXPENSES; REF (E) SAID SIZE OF GRANT ENTIRELY IN EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, RECOGNIZED EMBASSY'S EFFORTS TO STRETCH AVAILABLE FUNDS AND OFFERED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE TO EMBASSY IN THIS EFFORT; (REF (F) SAID THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD DONATI BE OFFERED HIGHER PER DIEM NOR SHOULD IT BE HINTED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN AVAILABLE, EXPLAINING THAT WHOLE IDEA IS TO SUPPLEMENT HIS CAPACITY TO TRAVEL ON PERSONAL FUNDS, EXPLAINED DIRECTION OF OUR PLANNING TOWARD JOINT FINANCING ALL GRANTS SO AS TO INCREASE OUR CAPACITY WITHIN DWINDLING PROGRAM.

2. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER AND CAO HAD SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH DONATI ASSURING HIS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF GRANT TERMS, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING \$35 PER DIEM. HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF EXTRA MONEY

HE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE WITH HIM TO COVER OTHER EXPENSES, AND UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WOULD STILL BE PAYING ABOUT 75 PER CENT OF TRAVEL. REGRET ANY SLIPPAGE WHICH HAS OCCURRED FROM THIS UNDERSTANDING.

3. IF CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO PREVENT ENTIRE VISIT TURNING SOUR, AGREE TO \$40 PER DIEM (STANDARD FOR NON-PARLIAMENTARIANS, REF (A)) PLUS \$300 DOMESTIC TRAVEL.VOLPE

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